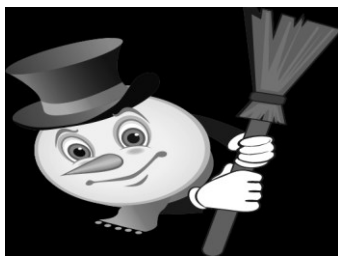




THANK YOU . . . to everyone who cleared the fire hydrants and cleaned out the storm drains from all the snow. Thank you to everyone who blew snow back onto their lawns and not in the street. Thank you to all the shovelers who kept their sidewalks neat and the corners cleared. It made our homes and streets safer for all of us.



Perkins Park Area Neighborhood Association Meeting

**March 26, 2013 - Tuesday
6:30 p.m.**

**Grancare Gardens
1551 Dousman Street
Green Bay, WI**

**Who will be the next guest speaker?
Come and find out!!**

EARTH WEEK

April 21 – 28, 2013

Spring is just around the corner and, hopefully, it will come with sunshine and rain. It's a time when we think of window washing, sweeping the walks and driveway, scrubbing the deck and then we head into the house and deep clean the carpets and floors, turn out the cupboards and closets and scrub, scrub, scrub. Sunshine encourages us to clean and the rain washes it all away. But wait – should we let the rain wash it all away?

Have you thought about where all that dirty water ends up? Many people think the water we use for cleaning our homes, garages, driveways, sidewalks and gutters can just run down the street into the storm inlet drains. But this water goes into our waterways carrying along the sand, garbage, soaps and other pollutants from our clean up. Our waterways are our streams, rivers and lakes. It goes into our swimming water, our fishing water and even the water that we eventually drink, shower and cook (though it is treated before we get it).

Spring is a crucial time to sweep up sediments and garbage **before** it goes down the street. Wash water should go onto landscaped or unpaved surfaces OR down a sink, toilet or cleanout through the sewer to a wastewater treatment plant. Lawns, fields or other unpaved surfaces have a wonderful way of naturally cleaning water, if we give it a chance, and a storm drain is NOT a sewer.

Remember – "What touches the ground enters the Water". (from NEW Stormwater Consortium)

THE WEBSITE IS HERE!!!!

Aren't you excited? THE WEBSITE IS HERE!!! Okay, so what's so good about the website? Well, you can access the latest newsletter anytime especially if you lost your paper copy. You can get the latest and greatest news. You can find upcoming events that are about us and for us! You can get the list of important phone numbers you like to have. You can find the ads from our sponsors.

This is a work in progress. Rae Ellen, Jana and Richard went to website training held by the City of Green Bay last December. We learned the basics – like dashboards, menus, widgets, imports – and other terms and processes we didn't know about. Now we do, kind-of, at least we are in the learning process. So expect a few mistakes and forgive us. It's more difficult than it looks and we're doing the best we can.

www.greenbaywi.gov/perkinspark/ is the address to put in your browser. Once you are at the site, which has our new logo from the City and a picture of the rails to trails clean-up, bookmark the page. Do you know how to do that? On my computer I move my cursor to the logo portion of the page (this would be our sign with Perkins Park across it) and do a right click. This gives me a little drop down box that offers a few options, one of which is "Bookmark this link". Left click on that. It then gives me another box with options for Bookmark Menu or Bookmark Toolbar. I put mine on the toolbar. Whenever I want to get to the website, I go to my toolbar, click on "bookmarks" and look for "Perkins Park Area Neighborhood Association" and left click.

Continuing with all this computer stuff we would love to have your email addresses. In January, we set up a communication system using a program called MailChimp. It allows us to send emails without a long string of addresses. It will appear in your email box addressed to you from Perkins Park Area Neighborhood Association. It will always be identified in this manner. When you open it, you will see our official Perkins Park Logo (like the top of the front page) but it will be in color. There will

be the body of the message and toward the bottom it will identify Perkins Park again but with our address. It also allows you to "unsubscribe" from receiving these emails – just in case you don't want to hear from us anymore.

Rae Ellen, our president, gets various information from the City. Some news goes into our newsletter, but other news can not wait for the newsletter and you should be quickly notified. For instance, last December we had some break-ins. Rae Ellen was notified and really wanted to get the information to you so you could be aware and watchful, but there was no way of reaching you. If we had your email addresses, she could have sent a message to you and perhaps, there would have been fewer break-ins. An opportunity given but with no way of disseminating the information, you couldn't give aid. Did you know there was a meeting at Chappell Elementary about the West Side Bike Trail? Rae Ellen got the information the night before the meeting. She was able to email a few residents the information, but wouldn't more of you want to know so you could have also attended the meeting?

Please send your name, address, and e-mail address to Rae Ellen Smith – 723 Saratoga Street – Green Bay, WI 54303. It will make for better accuracy if you write it down. Quick – do it now – before you forget! THANK YOU!



Neighborhood Association Meeting

**Tuesday, March 26, 2013
6:30 pm**

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1551 Dousman Street**

RECYCLING BINS

Wow, those new blue recycle bins are simple to move. You can easily pull or push them to the curb with one hand. Wondering why you would want one?

You probably already have the blue, rectangular 18 gallon container that you have to carry out. It doesn't have a top, and wind and animals play havoc with the contents. Cans and paper can end up everywhere. Every other week it has to go out and come in. Not anymore. With the 64 or the 96 gallon cart on wheels, you only put it out for pick up when it's full. You can throw all recyclable material into the same container....no more separating. They have nice attached swing tops too. What an invention!

Call the Dept. of Public Works at (920) 448-3535, and they will deliver it to your address. How easy is that? The cost for the 64 gallon cart is \$41 and the 96 gallon is \$47. It is a good idea to buy now before the price increases. These carts may be mandatory in the future. The Village of Howard has been using them very successfully for some time now. It saves money when the truck arm picks up and dumps the cart rather than a worker. Many workers who perform this repetitive action end up with shoulder injuries.

Recycling helps to lower your taxes, and we all want that. How? The city sells different recycled materials to recycling companies.

Steve Grenier, from the GB Dept. of Public Works was a wealth of information at the November meeting. Many of us flunked the quiz to identify what is acceptable in the bins and what is not. You **can't** chuck plastic bottles **without** necks into the cart. All caps, lids and rings need to be removed first. Bet you didn't think metal aerosol cans could be recycled. They can when empty, and the caps removed. How about those greasy pizza boxes? No, because the grease is considered food, and it remains in the container. Motor oil, pesticides, light bulbs, mirrors, glass cookware, vases, any ceramics, drinking glasses, metal cookware, are a few of the items which **cannot** be recycled. If you want more information just go to the city web site: www.green-bay.org or call (920) 448-3535 to ask for a brochure.

RAILS TO TRAILS

West Side Bike Trail

Work on the old railroad path/new bike path will begin in the middle of April 2013. The process includes clearing, grubbing, excavation, placing of small rock and then paving, after which seeding and mulch will be added on the sides of the trail. There may also be wood fencing on some portions of the trail for safety. Neighbors who live on the trail are asked by the City to remove any personal property they have on the trail. There is only street parking. The City plans to finish at the end of June 2013. HURRAH!!

REMINDER

The parking lot in Perkins Park will also be under construction this summer. This is the lot on Bond Street. It will begin after Little League is over.

Remember our survey last November?



Jayne was the winner of the gift certificate from The Pancake Place. Her name was drawn during the November meeting. She was thrilled! Thank you The Pancake Place,

Thank you for responding. Many responded and every survey was read. Your suggestions were noted and appreciated. If you provided your email address – THANK YOU!

SAFETY ISSUES

The Perkins Park, Mather Heights and Maple Arches Association areas were hit with a rash of burglaries in December. Not a fun experience for anyone. Officer Schuetze has provided a few safety tips to follow and said the robbers were caught in late January.

Lock your doors – to your **house**, to your **car**, and to your **garage** and **service door**.

Do not leave your car with the windows open.

Do not leave valuables – such as purse, cell phones, camera, computers – in your car. If they must be left in the car, put them in your trunk or cover them. Do not leave them in open sight.

Leave lights on! Front door – back door – on the deck – on garage. Install a motion sensor device set so people trigger it as they walk by your home or up the walk/drive-way.

Lock your doors – when you go to the back yard, sit on the deck, or work in the garden. If you don't like carrying keys, there are locks available without keys. You press a simple code into the keypad and it unlocks the door.

These burglaries are burglaries of opportunity. Someone with intent to steal walks down the street looking in cars, trying the doors and when the doors are unlocked, the burglar wins.

Rattle your door knobs, push on the door – do they pop open easily? Could you, with a little effort, make it open? Then you need to replace your locks or install a bar latch to make it more difficult for someone to break in.

If you see someone trying doors or looking into cars – **CALL THE POLICE**. We all want to be safe and secure. There will be some safety locks and gadgets at the next Association meeting, so come and join us!



DISTRICT 10 - ALDERMAN STEUER

As the year is beginning to unfold, a number of issues continue to keep me busy. Foremost is serving as chairperson for the recently formed HOPE (Homelessness Obligates Planning Efforts) group. HOPE is evolving, as we speak, with three different teams dealing with downtown/daytime alternatives; networking between government offices/departments and agencies who deal with homelessness in some way; and education. We are looking at the root causes of homelessness and aim to be a proactive force for longer-term solutions.

As a member of the Green Bay Historic Preservation Commission, some of the initiatives that I have been working on are a 30-day waiting period for the razing of structures fifty years or older, as well as attaining Certified Local Government status and a more protective ordinance for historic properties. Too many structures are disappearing with nary a peep from either public or private concerns. As president of the Brown County Historical Society and vice-president of the Brown County Trust for Historic Preservation, I aim to combine the many assets of said groups in cooperative efforts with the City of Green Bay. Stay tuned for developments on the Hotel Northland project and the Larson Green project on Broadway, among others.

I also preside as chairperson for the Protection & Welfare Committee, and am dealing with issues that deal with bars, taverns, and entertainment establishments; nuisance complaints; and other events that deal with police and law departments.

I have learned much in my first year in office and expect to learn even more in my second year. There have been issues that I have taken a leadership role in such as the sex offender ordinance, the gasification plant, homelessness, and downtown development. Now that Velp Avenue has been improved, I look for some economic development opportunities along this corridor. I am open to discuss these and other matters of importance to you, whether by phone, email, or in person. Thank you for the privilege to represent each and every one of you.

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WHAT ARE OLD PEOPLE FOR?

by Donna Zunker, Owner, Grancare Nursing Center

It is certainly no secret that we live in a time that pays homage to everything that is youth. Billions of dollars are spent marketing products that will make us look and feel younger. We buy birthday cards for family and friends that mock their age, intellect, mobility, and countless other adages. We see this as humor, but unfortunately it is a pervasive sign of Ageism in our culture.

As the oldest of 77 million baby boomers approach the age of 60, the subject of Ageism is sure to move forward on the national agenda. Our youth oriented culture equates aging with decline and deterioration. Our bodies do change as we age. Joints become stiff, changes occur in our sight and hearing, hair thins, our mind seems to play tricks on us, and the list goes on. To counter this, the boomer generation is working very hard to maintain strong bodies and minds. Coupled with copious amounts of anti-wrinkle creams we are sure to look and feel young well into old age. Keeping yourself healthy and active is certainly a good prescription as we age. Though we are all well aware of the real and often unpleasant changes that come with advancing years, we lack a concept that fully recognizes the positive elements of aging. So now when we are no longer as "active" as we were in our younger years, how are we looked upon by society?

Unfortunately, those individuals who have reached their advanced years are stereotyped by society as deteriorating, or waiting to die. Imagine growing into old age defined by full development and maturity. Viewing old people as having purpose, and giving us valuable gifts, no matter what their physical or mental status is, is what old people are for. Elders, through their life experience have gained a wealth of wisdom. Passing this wisdom down teaches future generations how to be human beings.

At Grancare Nursing Center we have adopted the Eden Alternative philosophy of care. The basis of which is to view our Elders as an individual, who is still growing, still a learner, still with potential, and whose life should continue to have connection with the future. Elders are here to teach us, we are all Elders in the making, let's make a better world for them and us.

FUTURE EVENTS

West High School Auditorium

MUSICAL – "The Sound of Music"

April 11, 12, 13 at 7pm – tickets at door
BAND Concert – May 3, Friday at 7 pm
CHOIR Concert – May 20, Monday at 7 pm
TALENT SHOW - May 24, Friday at 7 pm

Everybody's Rummage Sale

March 23, 2013 at 8:00 am
Location: Shopko Hall
Contact: 494-3404

Brown County Civic Music Association Concert

April 2013 at 7:30 pm
Location: West High School Auditorium
Contact: 920-338-1801

Cocoa Bean Mulch & Potting Soil Sale

April 26, 2013 – April 27, 2013
Location: Green Bay Botanical Garden
Contact: 490-9457

National Public Gardens Day

May 10, 2013 (9:00 am)
Location: Green Bay Botanical Garden
Contact: 490-9457

Memorial Day – A Soldier's Remembrance

May 27, 2013 at 10:00 am
Location: Heritage Hill State Park
Contact: 448-5150

Green Bay Farmer's Market

June 1, 2013 at 7:00 am
Location: Cherry and North Monroe Streets
Phone: 437-5972

Farmer's Market on Broadway

June 5, 2013 (3:00 pm – 8:00 pm)
Location: Broad District
Contact: 437-2531

CONCERT in the PARK

June - August
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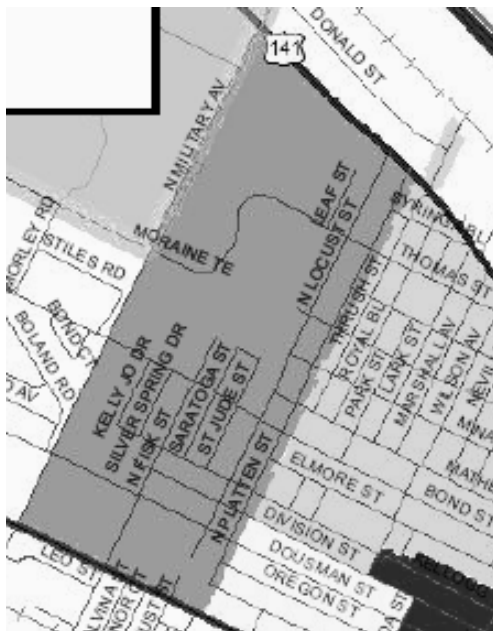
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NEWSLETTER

The Perkins Park Area Neighborhood Association Newsletter is a publication distributed to everyone within our association's boundaries. Copies are also distributed to local elected officials, government agencies, sponsors, and area businesses. We will accept submissions from anyone having business with the association to include opinions, stories, information, or pictures, as long as they pertain to the neighborhood. We may request some editing of content due to space and appropriateness.

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Fire Chief Robert Goplin.....	448-3280
Animal Control.....	448-320
Building, Housing and Zoning Inspection.....	448-3300
Bus Information Schedule.....	448-3450
Crime Prevention.....	448-3171
Drug Hotline.....	432-8383
Energy Assistance.....	448-4540
Garbage, Recycling, and Yard Waste.....	492-3535
Housing Authority.....	448-3400
Housing Rehabilitation.....	448-3402
Integrated Community Services.....	448-4540
Landlord/Tenant Issue (Consumer Protection).....	448-5110
Neighborhood Division.....	448-3400
Overnight Parking.....	448-3432 or 448-3438
Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Department.....	448-3365
Police, Community Police – West Side.....	492-3785
Police, Emergency.....	911
Police, Non-Emergency Response.....	448-3200
Public Works.....	492-3731
Water Utility.....	448-3480
West Side Community Police.....	492-3785

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Energy Assistance.....	448-4540
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